

# Senate File 2085 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act allowing county boards of supervisors to establish the  
2 number of members on agricultural extension councils and  
3 providing for staggered terms of office.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 176A.5, Code 2007, is amended to read  
1 2 as follows:  
1 3 176A.5 COUNTY AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION COUNCIL.  
1 4 ~~1. There shall be elected in each An extension district an~~  
~~1 5 extension council consisting is established to govern each~~  
~~1 6 extension district as provided in section 176A.4.~~  
1 7 2. An extension council consists of nine members.  
1 8 However, the county board of supervisors for that extension  
1 9 district may adopt an ordinance to establish the membership of  
1 10 the extension council. Such an ordinance must comply with all  
1 11 of the following requirements:  
1 12 a. The extension council must consist of five, seven, or  
1 13 nine members.  
1 14 b. The ordinance must provide for the staggered terms of  
1 15 members without reducing the term of an elected member.  
1 16 c. The ordinance must take effect at least ninety days  
1 17 prior to the next election for members.  
1 18 3. Each member of the extension council shall be a  
1 19 resident registered voter of the extension district in which  
1 20 they reside.

1 21 Sec. 2. Section 176A.7, subsection 1, Code 2007, is  
1 22 amended to read as follows:  
1 23 ~~1. Except as otherwise provided pursuant to law for~~  
~~1 24 members elected in 1990, the The term of office of an~~  
1 25 extension council member is four years. The term shall  
1 26 commence on the first day of January following the date of the  
~~1 27 member's election which is not a Sunday or legal holiday~~  
1 28 following the member's election.

1 29 EXPLANATION  
1 30 This bill amends Code chapter 176A, which is known as the  
1 31 "County Agricultural Extension Law". Code section 176A.4  
1 32 currently establishes extension districts in each county  
1 33 except for Pottawattamie county which is divided into two  
1 34 districts. The bill amends Code section 176A.5 which provides  
1 35 for the election of nine members who sit as the extension  
2 1 council governing the extension district. Council members  
2 2 serve for staggered terms of office. Thus, on January 2,  
2 3 2009, four out of the nine members' terms expire and on  
2 4 January 2, 2010, the remaining five members' terms expire (see  
2 5 1990 Iowa Acts, ch. 1149).  
2 6 The bill provides that the county board of supervisors for  
2 7 the district may adopt an ordinance changing the number of  
2 8 members on the extension council, subject to certain  
2 9 conditions. First, there must be an odd number of members:  
2 10 five, seven, or nine. Second, there cannot be a reduction in  
2 11 the term of a member who has been elected. Finally, the  
2 12 ordinance must take effect at least 90 days prior to the next  
2 13 election. The bill contains no limitations on the frequency  
2 14 of changes to the membership by the county board.  
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